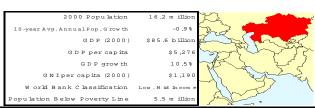


Making Cities Work

# **KAZAKHSTAN**

Capital: Astana

a (2000) Largest City: Almaty 1,130,000

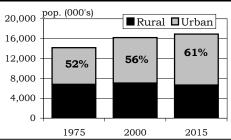


-0.4%

#### **Urban Profile**

#### Urban Population

9,157,000 lived in urban areas in 2000.



Annual Growth
Rates (2000-2015)
Urban 0.8%

Rural

| City Sizes   | # of cities |
|--------------|-------------|
| 10 million + | 0           |
| 5-9.9 m      | 0           |
| 2.5 - 4.9 m  | 0           |
| .75-2.49 m   | 1           |

#### Urban Migration Trends

According to the national statistics agency, from January-November 2000, the number of internal migrants was 169,141 people, an increase of 10,900 compared to 1999. The agency said that in most regions there was negative internal migration balance. At the same time, there was an increase in the populations of Almaty (by 9,700 people) and Astana (6,000). Also, between 1989 and 1999, only five Kazak cities experienced positive annual growth rates: Astana (1.3%); Türkistan (1.0%); Taraz (0.8%); Almaty (0.5%), Qyzylorda (0.5%) and Canaözen (0.1%).

#### **Urban Poverty**

2,747,100 urban dwellers were below the poverty line.



POVERTY IN KAZAKHSTAN

50% of the country's poor live in urban areas.

# 30% of the urban population is poor.

// Income Inequality
// of (wealthiest 20% divided by poorest 20%)

Nation ('96) 6.3
Almaty

# Economy & Employment

| (Country)   | GDP    | Employmen |  |  |
|-------------|--------|-----------|--|--|
| Sector      | (1999) | (1990)    |  |  |
| Agriculture | 10%    | 22%       |  |  |
| Industrial  | 30%    | 32%       |  |  |
| Services    | 60%    | 46%       |  |  |

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Nation (est. 1998) 13.7%

Non-poor

# **UNEMPLOYMENT.** Since 1991 independence, poverty has risen, and is now a serious problem. The sharp rise in poverty was caused by the persistent economic difficulties. The economic contraction resulted in the increase in unemployment and the decline in personal incomes. Poverty is pervasive in urban areas, and those most affected are pensioners, women, and children.

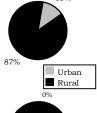
#### **Decentralization**

| Sample Urban Area: Astana, pop. 328,000 |  |                 |                    |            | (UNCHS - HABITAT, 1998)      |  |  |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Able to set                             | Able to set <b><u>none</u></b> of local tax levels Able to choos |                 | Able to choose     | <u>all</u> | contractors for projects     |  |  |
| Able to set                             | <u>all</u>   | of user charges | Funds transfer     | <u>is</u>  | known in advance             |  |  |
| Able to borrow                          | <u>all</u>   | of funds        | Central government | can        | remove local govt. officials |  |  |

# Infrastructure

#### **Basic Services**

183,140 urban dwellers lack water supply.



13% of people without water supply live in urban areas.

| 1 opaiditori without water supply in 2000 |         |                |  |
|---|---------|----------------|--|
|   | (000's) | % of rel. pop. |  |
| Urban                                     | 183     | 2%             |  |
| Rural                                     | 1,272   | 18%            |  |
| Total                                     | 1,455   | 9%             |  |

Population without Water Supply in 2000

0 urban dwellers lack sanitation coverage.



0% of people without sanitation coverage live in urban areas.

| 1 op. without Santitution Coverage in 2000 |         |                |  |  |
|--|---------|----------------|--|--|
|  | (a'000) | % of rel. pop. |  |  |
| Urban                                      | 0       | 0%             |  |  |
| Rural                                      | 141     | 2%             |  |  |
| Total                                      | 141     | 1%             |  |  |

### Health

|   | First and Second Quintile of Income Distribution         | Poorest | Poorest | Poor   | Poor   | Average |
|---|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| ١ | Under 5 yrs-old. mortality rate (per 1,000 births, 1998) | (51.9)  | (33.4)  | (54.2) | (41.3) | 47.9    |
|   | Children severely underweight (under 3 yrsold)           | 2.7%    | 1.3%    | 1.5%   | 2.2%   | 1.5%    |

## Crime

In the urban area of Astana and throughout Kazakhstan, drug related crimes are on a continual rise. Although the overall crime rate decreased in Kazakhstan from 1991-1999 by 19,8%, total number of the drug related crimes increased by 4.3 times. In the first half of 2001, the number of registered drug related crimes was 10,994. In 1998, a joint effort between the government of Kazakhstan and the United Nations was initiated to draft of a master plan to control illicit drug trafficking and organized crime in Astana.